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MINUTES

—OF THE—

25TH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Tippah Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH—

BLUFF SPRINGS CHURCH,

BENTON COUNTY, MISS.

September 24th, 25th, and 27th, 1887.

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MINUTES.

The Tippah Baptist Association held its 25th annual session with Bluff Springs church, Benton Co., Miss., commencing Friday before 4th Sunday in Sept. 1887. The Introductory sermon was preached by Eld. J. H. Shackelford, from 11 v'rse, 13 chap. Romans. Prayer by Eld. G. W. Floyd. Intermission for refreshments till 2 o'clock, p. m.

Evening Session, 2 o'clock, p. m. The Association was called together by singing. The Moderator read 133rd Psalm. The Association then joined in singing, "How blest the sacred tie that binds." Prayer by Eld. W. T. Lowrey. Eld. J. E. Buchanan and Bro. W. H. M. Durham were appointed reading clerks.

CALL FOR LETTERS.

Letters read from the following churches and delegates seated: Ashland, Academy, Beulah, Bethlehem, Blue Mountain, Bluff Springs, Canaan, Central, Clear Creek, Chewalla, Curtis Creek, Fellowship, Flat Rock, Harmony, Lebanon, New Bethel, New Hope, New Prospect, Oaklimer, Pleasant Hill, (B), Pleasant Ridge, Providence, Prescott's Springs, Pine Grove, Ripley, Shady Grove, Union, Unity. The Association then proceeded to permanent organization by electing, by acclamation, the same officers for Moderator and Clerk, and W. H. M. Durham, Treasurer.

CALL FOR PETITIONARY LETTERS.

Appointed the following committees: On Devotional Exercises, Eld. J. D. Morton, W. R. Gurney J. C. Spight, and deacons of Bluff Springs church.

On Finance: M. Queen, J. W. Turner, W. Covington.

On Education: Eld. W. T. Lowrey, G. W. Floyd, W. G. Thompson.

On Sunday Schools: Bro's. W. H. M. Durham, M. C. Selph, W. J. Antry.

On Publications: Eld's. J. H. Shackelford, J. D. Morton, Bro. E. T. Stewart.

On State Missions: Eld. W. G. Thompson, Bro's R. S. Cox, W. J. Hollis.

On Temperance: Bro's. J. F. Ray, Jno. Spencer, J. J. Harrall.

Called for the reading of the Constitution, Abstract of Faith and Rules of Order. Invited visiting brethren to seats.

CALLED FOR MESSENGERS FROM OTHER ASSOCIATIONS:—From General Baptist Convention of Texas, Eld. W. W. Finley. From Central Association and Mississippi College, J. G. Deupree. From Holly Springs (col.) Jas. Ayers.

Moved and seconded to adjourn to 8:30 o'clock, to-morrow morning. Prayer by Eld. M. Gillian.

Saturday, 8:30 o'clock, A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator read 4th chapter Heb. Prayer by Eld. W. W. Finley. Minutes of yesterday read and adopted. Letter received from Mt. Moriah church, which was read, and delegates seated.

APPOINTED CORRESPONDENTS.

Moved and seconded to make any member of this body, in good standing, who may be present at the meeting of any other body with which we correspond, a messenger to said body. We correspond with the following:—Big Hatchie meets at—— embracing 1st Sunday in Aug, 1888. Chickasaw meets Friday before 3rd Sunday in Sept. 1888 at Salem church, near Cornersville. Cold Water meets at Central Cold Water, Friday before 3rd Sunday in Oct. 1887. Judson meets at—— embracing 1st

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Sunday in Sept. 1888. Oxford meets at—
embracing 2nd Sunday in Sept. 1888. Southern
Baptist Convention meets in Richmond Thursday
before 2nd Sunday in May next. Tishomingo meets
Friday before 1st Sunday in Oct. 1887, at Cane Creek
west of Corinth. Baptist State Convention meets in
Jackson, Thursday before 4th Sunday in July 1888.
Ripley (col.) meets Friday before 4th Sunday in
Sept. 1888 at Baptist Hill church, west of Corners-
ville.

CALL FOR REPORTS.

Report on Education was read by Eld. W. T.
Lowrey. Discussed by J. G. Deupree, Eld's. W. T.
Lowrey, J. E. Buchanan, W. W. Finley, Bro. W. H.
M. Durham, and adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Every christian ought to be interested in Educa-
tion. If a man is educated, he is stronger in mind
and knows more than if he were uneducated, there-
fore, he can be more useful; for strength and knowl-
edge may be used for Christ. If our people want
their children to do well in the world, to have an in-
fluence among men and to be useful Christians, they
ought to educate them as thoroughly as possible. The
boy or girl nowadays who has no education is at a
great disadvantage in the world. We wish to say:

1. That there ought to be a school in every
neighborhood and parents ought to send to those
schools and send regularly. The man who does not
take an interest in his neighborhood school, who does
not seek to keep it going and make it thorough and
efficient is failing in his duty to humanity and to God.
Are you, my brother, doing your duty in your com-
munity?

2. But every man, who can possibly do so, even
at a great sacrifice, ought to give his children larger

advantages than can be had in the ordinary neighborhood schools. There are many good Academies and Colleges in our state; and the advantage of a thorough course can hardly be over estimated. In our own Association we recommend for boys, the Blue M't'n. Male Academy under the management of Bro. W H M Durham; for girls Blue M't'n. Female College under the direction of Brethren Lowrey & Berry. Upon young men who are able to take a College course we urge the claims of our own Baptist College at Clinton, which has superior advantages and which is doing a great work for our country and for Christ. This is our College; it belongs to the Baptists of Mississippi, and is the place where most of our young preachers and many of our young men who promise most in secular callings are being educated. We ought to sustain it by our patronage, our influences and our contributions. As to the education of our young preachers: We believe that every one of them who can possibly do so, ought to take the following course:— 1 An Academy course in such a school as Bro. Durham's at Blue Mountain; 2 A College course at Clinton; 3 A Theological course in our Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

In conclusion, brethren, let us say, the most important thing for your child is a converted heart; if then, in addition to that, he can have a sound and well trained mind in a vigorous and healthy body, he will be prepared to be happy himself, to elevate humanity, to glorify God.

W. T. Lowrey,	} Committee.
G. W. Floyd	
W. G. Thompson,	

Letter from Pleasant Hill (T.) read and delegates seated. Call for report on State Missions. Moved and seconded to make this report special for 1:30 p. m.

The report on Foreign Missions was called for, and read by Eld. W. T. Lowrey.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"The field is the world." So says Christ and hence every part of the world is a part of the field which he has given us to cultivate. There are three facts that ought to make us take an interest in this work: 1. It is a scriptural work. "Go disciple all nations," says Christ; and Paul went into distant heathen countries—into Macedonia and Greece and Rome bearing the news of the cross, and preaching to people who knew nothing of Christ before.

2, The men now engaged in the work are noble men of God, and they are assisted by true and consecrated women. Who that have heard of Yates and Crawford, of Graves and Simmons, of Eager and David and Bagby, can be indifferent about their works. What woman that knows of Miss Lottie Moon, Miss Emma Young, Miss Eager, and others can sit idly by while they are toiling and suffering to bring the heathen to Christ?

3, God is blessing the work—it is succeeding. The obstacles are being removed, the opposition is giving way, and in some countries the people are coming to Christ with astonishing rapidity. With Christ's command, and Paul's example, with true men and noble women sacrificing themselves to the work, and with God's blessing daily attending it—can we be careless and unconcerned?

Our Foreign Mission work may be divided into two classes, viz: that beyond the ocean; and that on our own hemisphere. Beyond the ocean we have missions in China, Africa, and Italy; On our own hemisphere in Brazil, and Mexico.

CHINA.

Our total membership in China is 677 and 46 of these were baptised during the last year. Most of the Christians in China are very poor and yet last year

they gave more than an average of a dollar per member towards the support of the gospel. But God has converted one Chinaman who is well to do in the world; and apart from the regular contributions, he has built a chapel at a cost of 1000 dollars and holds service in it himself three times each week free of charge. It is well to notice, too, that the authorities in China have issued an order urging the people to receive the missionaries kindly.

AFRICA.

In a secret letter from Africa, Bro. David said: "Twelve years ago, — with the little faithful band of converts whom I found worshipping under a bambooshed, I began work without school, church, or home, over here, and without much sympathy in America. But see what the hand of the Lord has wrought: We have four chapels and one substantial beautiful church where one ordained native preacher and three evangelists preach regularly the glad tidings of salvation. There are five schools with 284 pupils. There have been 171 buried with Christ in baptism, 32 of whom have entered into rest."

ITALY.

has 306 members, 26 of whom were baptized during last year. For lack of means, Brother Eager has been compelled to abandon some stations in states where the work was promising. On our own hemisphere, the Foreign Mission work is among the benighted Catholics of Brazil and Mexico,

IN BRAZIL

the work began only about five years ago. They now have 115 members with 15 baptisms last year. The work promises great results in the near future. But

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nearest to us in distance, and perhaps nearest in interest and sympathy, is our sister republic of

MEXICO.

Only about 5 years ago the work began there. Now we have 350 members; and their own contributions last year amounted to over \$800. During the year, there were 100 baptisms; and at the close of the year there were 150 candidates for baptism. There are now 21 churches and mission stations, and Brother Powell thinks ten more churches ought to be organized at once. Brethren, God is blessing the work, and it is a blessed privilege to be allowed to contribute to it. The above figures by no means represent the whole result, for schools are being established, Bibles and tracts are being distributed, and broad foundations are being laid for future success.

Last year the Baptists of the south contributed to this work about 87,000 dollars. Of this amount Miss. gave something over \$4,000 and Tippah Association gave \$95.55. Will we not see that a collection for Foreign Missions is taken in every church in Tippah Association during the next year?

W. T. LOWREY	} Committee.
P. C. GADD	
H. H. RAY	

Adjourned for preaching to 1:30 o'clock, p. m.
Preaching by Eld. W. T. Lowrey from 7th verse, 6th chapt. Gal.

1:30 o'clock p. m. The Association was called together by singing. Prayer by Eld. W. G. Thompson. The report on State Missions was then read by Eld. W. G. Thompson, and the report of the Executive Board, in connection with the report of our Missionary, Eld. H. L. Finley, was read by Eld. J. E. Buchanan. These three reports were jointly discussed by Elds. J. E. Buchanan, W. W. Finley, W. T. Lowrey, H. L. Finley, and Bro. W. H. M. Durham.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We beg leave to report the following: We have seen the result of the present plan of our state mission work. Our 57 missionaries in the field are paid up, the Board out of debt, with some funds in the Treasury. Over 700 converts; 80 churches; 33 Sunday schools established. These results have inspired the hearts of our brethren all over our state. The Associations co-operating are more hopeful than they have ever been; the College is doing well, and full of hopes. In all our departments hope is inspiring the hearts of the brethren. The question that troubles and exercises our minds and hearts is, what are we doing as an association? We refer you to our reports of the Executive Board. We are not doing what we ought; we have not occupied the field as we ought to have done. Notwithstanding our missionary has done all that he could with the help we have given him, but our churches and members need development; an effort should be made to get a contribution from every member of every church. There is large destitution in our state. Are we going to occupy it? We have the men, now let us give the means to sustain them.

Respectfully Submitted.

W. G. THOMPSON	} Committee.
J. W. HOLLIS	
R. S. COX	

The following pledges were made for State Missions, to be paid by next Association.

Eld. H L Finley, (conditionally) in books	\$50 00	L. P. Cossitt.....	\$10 00
J H Shackelford...	5 00	J D Morton.....	5 00
J E Buchanan & wife	15 00	W T Lowrey.....	25 00
W G Thompson....	5 00	M Gillian.....	2 50
J W Poff.....	1 00	J A Cox.....	2 50
J W Crump.....	5 00	M C Selph.....	2 00
J H Walker.....	1 50	M W Darden.....	5 00
W C Johnson.....	2 50	W E Lancaster....	2 00
J F Ray.....	10 00	W R Gurney.....	1 00
A L Collins.....	2 50	E T Stewart.....	2 00
R S Cox (paid)....	2 50	G W Maldon.....	1 00
G W Wright.....	5 00	C G Bowden.....	2 00
Eld J B Cottle.....	1 00	Tho's Duncan....	2 00
R A Cox.....	1 00	M P Richardson...	2 00
J M Follis (paid)...	2 50	J C Spight.....	2 00
Sis. W Covington p'd	1 00	J L Autry.....	1 00
Sister M. L Covington, Ripley C'h & Annie Covinton of Blue M'tn Ch. quilt sold for.....	6 60	Blue M'tn Church	50 00
		J L Anglin.....	2 50
		Sister Anglin.....	1 00
		H B Russum.....	5 00
		A Anderson.....	1 00
Total.....			\$243,60

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Dear brethren:—At the last meeting of the Association your board was instructed to undertake the supervision of the entire Associational work. Hitherto we had devoted our attention especially to the work within the bounds of this body. This new arrangement, we consider eminently proper, though it has increased the duties and responsibilities of the Board. It is similar to the plan of the Baptist State Convention. We entered upon the duties cheerfully and willingly, and have endeavored to do, as best we could,

the work you have entrusted to our hands. We now render to you an account of our labors.

In the first place we desire to acknowledge with humble gratitude the hand of our God in leading and aiding us in this great work. There is opposition to plans and opposition to work which divine influences alone can remove. Surely the Lord hath labored with us. Two years ago we had secured contributions and pledges from almost every church in the Association. We earnestly requested that all would make their pledges ANNUAL PLEDGES, that they would contribute as much for this year as they had pledged for the previous. Many responded, some even doubling their contributions; others contributed who had hitherto done nothing; while some, alas! seemed to have forgotten their pledges and to have turned a deaf ear to the appeals of the Board. These pledges we still hold. There is, however, some encouragement. Contributions are becoming more general. The spirit of missions is taking deeper hold of the hearts of the people. But there is still need of pastors pushing this work in the churches.

Soon after the meeting of the last Association your Board held a meeting and unanimously re-elected Eld. H. L. Finley as missionary. He was inclined to give up the arduous work, but at the earnest solicitation of the Board, he accepted it at a salary of \$50.00 per month, for as much of his time as he could serve. At the request of Unity church which seemed to be pastorless, and as our collections were short, we released brother Finley from the Board for whatever time might be required in supplying that church. He also became missionary pastor of Pleasant Ridge and New Bethel churches. For the labor done at these churches and other places we refer you to the report of brother Finley herewith submitted.

We were unable to make arrangements by which we could continue aid to Falkner church. The demands of the Board were more than we could meet. Our faithful missionary has gone over hill and dale labor-

ing as best he could in the most destitute portions of our bounds, preaching the gospel to eager listeners, visiting the sick, the poor and the needy, carrying with him and distributing many copies of the Holy Scriptures and scattering thousands of pages of religious books and tracts. The field at home is a promising one, and is white unto the harvest. The reaping is scarcely begun. It must go on. As the servants of God we must labor till the master comes.

THE STATE MISSION WORK.

Under the direction of the convention Board fifty six missionaries have been laboring more or less of their time during the past year. There have been 1,150 additions to the churches through their labors, besides the great good done in preaching the word, the results of which will be known only in eternity. More than 5,000 persons have been baptized during the past year. Surely the blessings of our God have been upon us. Let us render unto Him a thank-offering with a renewal of our contributions.

SOUTHERN MISSIONS.

This embraces the work of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Special attention is given to the destitution of the Southern States, the Indian Territory and Cuba. We are glad to report progress in this department. The Lord is blessing the labors of our missionaries and the contributions of our people are increasing.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We submit an extract from the report of the Secretary of the Con. Board: "We are glad to be able to report substantial progress in this department of your Board's work. Mississippi gave more to spread

the gospel among the people of the earth during the last year than ever before in a year. This shows that Mississippi Baptists are rising toward that exalted position of unselfish benevolence so strongly inculcated in the gospel, and so sublimely illustrated by the Lord of glory, who descended from the skies to be a missionary of peace and love to our foreign world. Every advance in foreign mission contributions may be taken as evidence of a stronger spiritual life in the churches.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

This great heart of the Baptists of Mississippi is doing more for the cause of Christ and the denomination than any other agency in the state. It commends itself therefore to us. A special effort will be made this year to increase the endowment fund. We earnestly request the churches to aid in this good work. Closely connected with this is the cause of

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

This also commends itself to us. We must educate our ministry if we keep pace with other denominations or even with the world. Mississippi College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary offer the best of opportunities for the education of our young ministers. Our own private schools are aiding in this work.

THE BOARD OF SUSTENTATION.

This also is doing a good work. It looks after the aged and infirm ministers of our denomination. The widows and orphans of those who have gone from us receive some assistance. This work also demands attention. In conclusion we desire to say that it is our purpose to secure if possible the services of our faith-

ful and beloved missionary Eld. H. L. Finley, for the next year. In order to do this we appeal to the churches to come to our aid. The work should not be laid down. Let us press on with renewed energy. And may the God of all grace assist us.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. BERRY, Ch'n.

Blue Mountain, Sept. 20th, 1887.

EX. BOARD, *Dear brethren*:—I herewith hand you my report as your missionary. I also furnish you a summary of all the work done since I came into your Association in January 1882. You can have it published in connection with the annual report if you see fit. Please allow me to say that our work has never been on a more solid basis. While the immediate results are not as great as desired yet the work has become settled and permanent. The Colportage department has been very fruitful this year. New Bethel and Old Pleasant Ridge will still need the attention of the Board. I again surrender the field to you so soon as my present engagement is filled. The Lord bless you in your future work and help you to continue some good men in the field.

Yours Truly,

H. L. FINLEY.

STATISTICS.

Days of Service.....	340	Sunday Schools Organized.....	4
Miles traveled.....	3,560	Associations, S. S. Conventions	
Bibles sold.....	94	and Institutes attended.....	8
Testaments sold.....	28	Letters written.....	100
Bibles given away.....	31	Circulars Distributed.....	200
Testaments given away.....	32	Total value of sales.....	\$453.60
Books given away.....	97	Total value of all grants.....	31.00
Books sold.....	472	Pages of tracts distributed.....	16,000
Periodicals distributed.....	2268	Families found destitute of the Bible.....	31
Pages.....	21922	Individuals destitute of Bible.....	32
Sermons Preached.....	152	Prayer meetings held.....	50
Addresses made.....	406	Persons baptized.....	10
Families visited.....	550		

Moved and seconded, when adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning to hear and discuss report on Sunday schools.

The Association bought, at a cost of \$6.60, a quilt from the two sisters Covington, proceeds to be appropriated to state missions. These three reports were then jointly adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions adopted without discussion. Report on Home Missions called for, and read by Eld. J. E. Buchanan, and after being discussed by him adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS, S. B. C.

This department or division of our Christian work is under the direction of a board appointed by our Southern Baptist Convention, and is a co-operative work. This board co-operates with State Conventions, General Associations and other Christian organizations in cultivating destitute fields in the bounds of such conventions or associations whose territory is in the bounds of our S. B. C. This board has missionaries working in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Texas, North Carolina, West Virginia and District of Columbia. This work is done alone or in co-operation with local boards, and thus the strong are helping the weak, which is in accord with the spirit and services of the gospel.

INDIANS.—A work among the Indians is a peculiar work of this board. They have about seven men—Americans and Indians—laboring in the Indian Territory. The effort is to educate and christianize these children of the forest. The work is prospering—in the Choctaw Nation they have a fair prospect of building up a strong Baptist school, and the churches planted are developing in christian work and liberality.

NEGROES.—The board is giving special attention to the improvement and development of the colored peo-

ple of the South. They have suitable men to go among them and instruct and edify them in the fundamental principles of the gospel, and to encourage a greater interest in education and social and moral improvement. This surely is an important work. The negroes are here, and they are here to stay, and surely the more highly they are educated—Christianized—the better for them and us.

CUBA.—The work of the board in this island is most fruitful and successful. In December, 1885, Bro. A. J. Diaz, a native of the island was ordained to the work of the ministry. He began work in January 1886; a church was organized in Havana, today that church numbers over 300 members. Two other churches have been organized, four Sunday Schools with 17 teachers, and 400 pupils. Two day schools are in successful operation under christian influences numbering 150 pupils. The wonderful work done in this island for time and means employed has perhaps never been exceeded in the history of modern missions. God be praised for the success of His truth in that wicked and Priest ridden island.

NEW ORLEANS.—The board is making a strong effort to plant and sustain true gospel churches in this wicked city. The work is hard and progress is slow, but they have several earnest men and women who are doing faithful work for the master in that city.

CHURCH BUILDING.—Another work of the board is to aid in building church-houses in important centres, occupying and developing as the country in which they are built develops and grows up.

PARTIAL SUMMARY OF WORK DONE LAST CONVENTIONAL YEAR.

Missionaries.....	251
Churches and states.....	822
Sermons and addresses.....	24490
Additions to our church.....	6242
Churches constituted.....	119
Houses Built.....	62
Cost of houses and lots.....	\$60000

The women of our state, through their societies have helped the board much, of which the board, in its reports, speaks commendably. Our state did right well. The board asks larger contributions as half the demands made upon them could not be supplied for lack of means. Our state gave last year to this work about \$1100. We as an association are not expected to do very much in this work, but your committee recommend that we do what we can. Let us not neglect to help to carry on our great christian enterprises.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. BUCHANAN,
W. H. M. DURHAM, } Committee.
J. H. SHACKELFORD, }

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, prayer by J. A. Crook.

Sunday 9 o'clock A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator read 116th Ps., prayer by J. W. Crump. Call for report on Sunday Schools Read by W. H. M. Durham. After discussion by M. C. Selph, W. H. M. Durham, Elds. W. W. Finley, W. T. Lowrey, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to report:—That in our opinion, the importance of this department of christian work, as an instrument in developing the membership of our churches into intelligent and efficient laborers in the Master's cause, is not appreciated by our people generally. All, or nearly all, are ready to admit, that the Sunday School, is a great thing for the children, and will readily cooperate with, and encourage, those who engage in the Sunday School work for the benefit of the children especially while this is as it ought to be, and we rejoice that it is so, we think in most of our churches there is imperative demands for broader views, and

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higher aspirations. Comparative ignorance of the true teachings of the scriptures, of what is required at the hands of each and every child of God, prevails throughout our land. Young men and women in large numbers, and older ones not a few, have grown up with but a limited knowledge of the scriptures. In many of our churches, preaching can be had but once a month. This is not sufficient to educate, or rather teach the people thoroughly in the word of God. Then your committee would urge the importance of the Sunday School, as a means of educating and training christian workers, as well as an instrument in bringing sinners to a saving knowledge of the truth. Then who should engage in this work? We answer, the whole church. Why should the young christian enter the Sunday school? That he may become what is required of him as a servant of God; and by being familiar with the precious promises to the faithful servant, he may be encouraged to discharge his duty. Why should the older christian engage in this work? That he may assist in teaching the younger, if qualified to do so, and if not, that he may be taught. Why bring the unconverted into the Sunday School? That they may be taught in the holy scriptures, which are able to "make wise unto salvation." Judging from the letters sent by the churches to this body, we find but few of these churches are engaged in the Sunday School work. We think it possible that some of the churches are really engaged in the work, which have failed to report. We trust this is so, and that in the future the churches will be careful to report on this subject in their annual letters to this body.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. M. DURHAM,)
M. C. SELPH,) Committee
W. J. AUTRY,)

Moved and seconded to present the quilt purchased yesterday to sister H. L. Finley.

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Adjourned to 8:30 A. M.

Preaching by Eld. W. W. Finley from Mark 16th chapter 15th verse.

Monday 8:30 o'clock, A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator read a selection from 2nd chapter Ephesians, prayer by W. H. M. Durham. Minutes read, corrected and adopted. Standing committees announced.

ON FOREIGN MISSIONS:—W. H. M. Durham, J. F. Ray, W. R. Gurney.

ON HOME MISSIONS:—Elds. W. E. Berry, W. G. Thompson, G. W. Floyd.

Report on Publications called for. Read by Eld. J. H. Shackelford. Amended by recommending literature of the American Baptist Publication Society. After discussion by Elds. J. H. Shackelford, J. A. Crook, W. W. Finley, H. L. Finley, W. T. Lowrey, Bro. W. H. M. Durham, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee would emphasize the importance of the subject of Publications. Our land is flooded with literature that is impure and corrupt, which has been pressed upon the attention of the people by the enemy of Christ. The thought of this should cause solemn reflection on the part of every parent and christian. If truth be not diffused, error will be. If God and His word be not known and received, the devil and his work will gain the ascendancy. If the evangelical volume does not reach every hamlet, the pages of corrupt and licentious literature will. If the honor of the Gospel is not felt throughout the length and breadth of our land, anarchy and misrule, degradation and misery, corruption and drunkenness, will reign without mitigation or end. Parents should remember the fact that their children are reading something, and if they fail to supply them with that which is pure, they will, by their own effort, get that which is impure. Yet many parents and guardians

are criminally careless in this respect. We, therefore urge the necessity of circulating among the membership of our churches, and placing in the families, and especially in the hands of the children within our bounds, the very best literature in our reach. And as the means of accomplishing this, we recommend persistent effort by the membership of this body to push forward the colportage work now in successful operation under the direction of our Executive Board, through our efficient missionary, H. L. Finley, until every family shall have a copy of the word of God, with as many other good books as they can be induced to purchase. As periodicals, we recommend the Baptist Record, the Foreign Mission Journal, the Tennessee Baptist; and for our Sunday schools, Kind Word's Lesson Helps and literature of the American Baptist Publication Society. Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Shackelford,

J. D. Morton,

E. T. Stewart,

} Committee,

The report on Temperance was called for, and read by Eld. J. E. Buchanan. Discussed by Eld's. W. T. Lowrey, W. W. Finley, H. L. Finley and adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

This great question which has been and is now being so generally agitated in all parts of our land, and which has met with such wonderful success, we feel now claims our serious and prayerful attention. To neglect it, we feel we would be recreant to our trust as christians, as parents and as citizens. This is one of the christian graces, as taught in the word of God, and is reckoned among the fruits of the Spirit. We believe that the word of God condemns the traffic of strong drink in the strongest terms, therefore we urge and insist that it is the duty of every church, as a body, and of every individual member of the differ-

ent churches, to do all in our power to suppress this great evil, and discourage the traffic of whiskey throughout our land and country, believing it to be one of the greatest evils to our Lord's cause, and detrimental to the prosperity of our people, and to our happiness. In conclusion, we say, let us all do our duty to the Temperance cause, and God will bless us.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. Ray, }
J. J. Spencer } Committee.
J. J. Harrall, }

The Association then united with Eld. H. L. Finley in prayer to God to direct us all aright on the Temperance question.

CALL FOR TREASURER'S REPORT.

Read by Eld. J. E. Buchanan and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. F. Guyton Tr. in acc't with Tippah Association from Sept. 24th 1886 to Sept. 26th 1887.

STATE MISSIONS.

	Dr.
To Am't received from Academy, Ch.	\$ 25 75
" " " Ashland, "	14 50
" " " Beulah, "	13 25
" " " Bethlehem, "	9 10
" " " Bluff Springs, "	15 00
" " " Blue Mountain "	116 90
" " " CHILBURN "	18 00
" " " "Little wk'rs "	1 75
" " " Clear Creek, "	6 25
" " " Clear C'k Lad's "	3 35
" " " Chewalla "	9 40
" " " Falkner "	15 00

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To am't rec'd from	Fel owship	"	18 05
"	"	" Ladies	4 25
"	"	Flat Rock,	20 35
"	"	Harmony	6 00
"	"	Lebanon,	5 00
"	"	Mt. Moriah,	10 80
"	"	New Hope	4 00
"	"	New Prospect	12 00
"	"	Pine Grove	1 25
"	"	Pleasant Hill	5 00
"	"	Providence,	18 00
"	"	Ripley,	22 20
"	"	Union,	40 15
"	"	Unitv,	16 10
"	"	Cash collected at Ass'n.	16 70
Cash from books sold by W. E. Berry,			69 00
Total received.....			515 05

Cr.

By Bal. paid Rev. J. E. Buchanan 1886,	\$	36 00
" " Rev. W. K. Bryant	"	5 00
" Am't paid Miss Laetta Durham,		3 15
" " Rev. H. L. Finly,		174 20
" " for books and freight,		219 95

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Dr.

To Am't. from Academy Ch.	\$	15 00
" " Ashland,	"	3 05
" " Blue Mountain		58 50
" " Bethlehem,	"	3 00
" " L. M Soc B. M.	"	5 15
" " Canaan	"	95
" " Fellowship	"	2 75
" " Flat Rock,	"	7 00
" " Ripley.	"	7 75
" " Union,	"	14 95

Total am't received.....116 10

By am't sent to H. A. Tupper by J F Ray,	Cr.
By am't paid W B Bagby by W T Lowrey,	\$ 12 45
" sent to Dr H A Tupper by W E Berry	43 75
" " " " " J F Guyton,	26 80
" " by Sec. of L M Soc for E E Baldwin	15 00
" " B. W. Griffith,	5 15
	12 95
Total	110 90

HOME MISSIONS.

To Am't. rec'd from Ashland Ch.	Dr.
" " " Beulah,	2 15
" " " Blue Mountain "	25
" " from L. M. Soc. Blue Mt'n.	55 70
" " " Canaan Ch.	8 25
" " " Flat Rock "	60
" " " Ripley "	2 50
" " " Union.	17 70
	50
Total received.....	87 65

By am't. sent B. W Griffith for Cuba,	Cr.
by L M Soc. of Blu Mtn. for Cuba,	\$ 30 00
" " B W Griffith by W E Berry,	8 25
Total	49 40
	87 65

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

To am't received from Blue Mt'n Church	Dr.
	\$ 55 00
By am't sent to Dr. W S. Webb,	Cr.
	\$ 55 00

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

To am't rec'd from Blue Mt'n church	Dr.
" " " Flat Rock, "	\$ 57 00
	3 00
	60 00

Adelia M. Hillman.

					27
				Cr.	
By am't p'd J H Shackelford by W H M Durham					12 00
" " " " " W T Lowrey,					17 75
" " " " " M B Lowrey,					5 00
" " " " " W E Berry,					8 75
" " " " " O M Ray,					1 00
" " " " " J J Guyton,					5 00
" " " " " D I Hardin,					2 50
By am't sent B W Giffith by W E Berry,					4 00
					<u>60 00</u>

MRS. SANFORD.

				Dr.	
To am't from Blue Mt'n. Church,					37 50
" " L M Soc. B. M.					30 10
" " Central Ch. W A Thomas,					1 00
" " Union Church S R Whitten					5 00
					<u>73 60</u>

				Cr.	
By am't sent Mrs. Sanford by W E Berry,				\$	43 50
" " " " " Sec of L M Soc.					27 10
" " " " " Mrs Linnie Ray					3 00
					<u>73 60</u>

SUSTENTATION.

				Dr.	
To am't from Blue Mountain Ch.				\$	5 00
" " Chewolla "					1 00
" " P Hill, Ch. (Benton)					25
					<u>6 25</u>

				Cr.	
By am't paid W. D. Lancaster,					6 25
					<u>6 25</u>

SUMMARY.

State Missions.....	\$ 515 05
Foreign Missions.....	116 10
Home Missions of S B Con.....	87 65
Ministerial Education.....	60 00
Mississippi College.....	55 00
Mrs. Janie Sanford.....	73 60
Sustentation.....	6 25
Total.....	913 65

The report on Finance was called for, which was read by M. Queen, and adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We your committee on Finance beg leave to report as follows:—

Academy.....	\$	Ashland.....	\$2 50
Bethlehem.....	1 25	Beulah.....	1 05
Blue Mountain.....	3 00	Bluff Springs.....	95
Canaan.....	1 75	Clear Creek.....	2 50
Chewalla.....	90	Central.....	70
Curtis' Creek.....	75	Falkner.....	
Fellowship.....	1 00	Flat Rock.....	1 40
Harmony.....	50	Hopewell.....	
Lebanon.....	50	Mt. Moriah.....	1 00
New Bethel.....	50	New Hope.....	45
New Prospect.....	75	Oaklimeter.....	
Pine Grove.....	45	Pleasant Hill, (T.)..	60
Pleasant Hill, (B.)..	1 50	Pleasant Ridge.....	50
Prescott's Springs...	35	Providence.....	1 50
Ripley.....	2 50	Shady Grove.....	1 50
Unity.....	1 00	Union.....	2 50
Eld. J. A. Crook....	25		

TOTAL.....\$34 10.

M. QUEEN Chairman of Committee.

Report of Committee on Publications appointed one year ago heard from and committee discharged.

Elected the Executive Board by continuing the same old Board. Appoint place to hold the next session of this body, which will meet with Canaan Church ter. miles north of Ashland. Eld. G. W. Floyd was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, with J. D. Merton, alternate. It was decided that this body shall meet on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in Sept. next year.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS-RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, 1st. That we extend our thanks to Bluff Springs church and the surrounding community for their kindness and hospitality during the sitting of this body.

Resolved, 2nd. That we express to the officers of this Association, including the Executive Board, our approval of their work, and our thanks for their services.

Resolved, 3rd. That the clerk be instructed to have the minutes printed, and distribute them to churches in proportion to the amounts paid for that purpose; and that the clerk be allowed to reserve ten dollars for his services.

Amend Constitution by inserting "The" instead of "a" in 15th Art. before the word "Treasurer."

Call roll and mark absentees. Minutes read and adopted. Adjourned with hearts glowing with gratitude to God, and love for one another.

ELD. L. P. COSSITT, MODERATOR.
J. W. CRUMP, CLERK.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

W. E. Berry,	Blue Mountain,	Miss.
J. E. Buchanan,	"	"
L. P. Cossitt,	"	"
J. T. Cox,	Hickory Flat,	"
J. B. Cottle,	Ashland,	"
E. M. Floyd,	"	"
G. W. Floyd,	Canaan,	"
H. L. Finley,	Blue Mountain,	"
M. Gillian,	Ashland,	"
W. M. Gadd,	Pine Grove,	"
H. F. Lipford,	Ashland,	"
W. T. Lowrey,	Blue Mountain,	"
W. D. Lancaster,	Jonesboro,	"
L. G. Leggett,	Hickory Flat,	"
G. L. Landers,	Geeville,	"
J. D. Morton,	Ashland,	"
W. B. McKinstry,	Cotton Plant,	"
P. N. Nolen,	Canaan,	"
J. E. Rogers,	Ripley,	"
T. B. Roberts,	Blackland,	"
H. G. Spencer,	Ashland,	"
J. H. Shackelford,	Mitchell,	"
W. G. Thompson,	Blue Mountain,	"
T. J. Valentine,	Grand Junction,	Tenn.
D. C. West,	Ashland,	Miss.

LICENTIATES.

L. A. Bell,	Dumas,	Miss.
P. W. Caviness,	"	"
Jerry Eubanks,	Jonesboro,	"
G. W. Riley,	Bulah,	"
T. R. Stroup,	Pine Grove,	"
Harris Taylor,	Mitchell,	"

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. The Association shall be called the Tip-pah Baptist Association.

Art. 2. It shall be composed of persons who have been duly elected delegates by the respective churches belonging to this Union, Moderator, Clerk, and the Executive Board and Chairman of Committees to report at next session shall be ex-officio members of the next session.

Art. 3 The delegates representing the different churches, shall at the opening of each Association present the letters specifying their appointment, and also showing the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, restored and dead, during the year, together with the whole number in fellowship.

Art. 4. Every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to three delegates, until, they number fifty members and then one for every 50 above that number.

Art. 5. Churches of this Union failing to represent themselves for three successive meetings shall be considered as dropped by the Association.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this body by signifying their wishes by letters and delegates provided they be deemed orthodox and are willing to work in friendship with us.

Art. 7. This body shall have a Moderator, Treasurer and Clerk, who shall be chosen at each annual meeting by private ballot, so soon as letters from the churches are read and members names enrolled.

Art. 8. This body shall have no power to adopt rules that shall infringe upon the independence and rights of churches. Yet it may drop such churches as become disorderly either in doctrine or discipline.

Art. 9. This body shall have a fund for its expenses and churches may send up funds for domestic or foreign missions or for the Bible cause. The Association shall take charge of such funds and appropriate it as designated by the churches.

Art. 10. If any church have a difficulty with another church we advise her to take the step laid down in the 18th chap. of Mathew. And no difficulty between churches will be entertained by his body unless such steps have been taken.

Art. 11. When churches of this union have gifts they deem worthy of ordination, who advise them to call on sister churches for two or more ministers to set apart such gifts to the work of the Gospel Ministry according to the New Testament, and we advise all the presbyteries in the ordination of ministers and deacons, and constitution of churches to be governed by the abstract of principles of this Association.

Art. 12. This Association will correspond with sister Associations of the same faith and order.

Art. 13. The minutes of this Association shall be read, corrected and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session rises.

Art. 14. No session shall adjourn unless in extraordinary cases until it has finished all its business.

Art. 15. The Association shall have an Executive Board consisting of the Treasurer and six other members, who shall be chosen annually.

Art. 16. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a majority of two-thirds of the members present.

ABSTRACT OF FAITH.

Article 1. We believe in only one living, true God—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

Art. 2. We believe the Bible to be the word of God, and it is our only rule of faith and practice.

Art. 3. We believe in the total depravity of human nature, and that man is dead in trespasses of sin.

Art. 4. We believe that salvation is the gift of God, by grace through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and that sinners are justified in the sight of God alone, by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ which

is unto and with them that believe.

Art. 5. We believe in the doctrine of election, that God has from the beginning chosen us to salvation through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth.

Art. 6. We believe that the Holy Spirit accompanies the word of God in the salvation of man in answer to the prayers of Christians.

Art. 7. We believe in the final perseverance of the Saints, and that all who truly believe shall be eternally saved.

Art. 8. We believe that baptism is immersion alone and none but true believers are proper subjects for the ordinance; none but regular baptized ministers have a right to administer it; and that it is a prerequisite to the Lord's Supper; and all who come to the Lord's table must come according to the Lord's word.

Art. 9. We believe that a Gospel Church is a body of true believers in Christ who have been regularly baptised upon a profession of their faith in Him; and there are but two officers in the church, viz: Elder or Pastor and Deacon.

Art. 10. We believe it to be the duty of each church to extend and circulate the word of God as far as their means will enable them.

Art. 11. We believe in the resurrection of the bodies of all men in a future and general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

RULES OF ORDER.

Article 1. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

Art. 2. The Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be chosen by the members present by private ballot.

Art. 3. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order; but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal provided the appeal be made on the same day but at no subsequent time.

Art. 4. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members, but

not to vote unless his vote be necessary to decide the question. If he rise to speak he shall call on some brother to take the chair.

Art. 5. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion, and if seconded shall be open for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and reasonable time allowed for discussion the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays; and if a call for a division, it shall be decided by the members rising.

Art. 6. Any member desiring to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at the same time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject or make personal reflection.

Art. 7. No person shall speak more than once upon any subject until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

Art. 8. Every subject introduced for discussion shall be decided before another shall be offered, unless it be laid over by motion with consent of the mover and Association.

Art. 9. This Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present excepting in the reception of churches; then a unanimous vote will be required. But in no case shall one member or church prevent the reception of a church without sufficient cause shown, which shall be determined by a majority.

Art. 10. The names of the members shall be called whenever the Association shall direct and the absentees be marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

Art. 11. The appellation of Brother shall be used by the members in addressing each other.

Art. 12. Any member violating these rules shall be subject to reproof by the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

Art. 13. Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules when a majority deem it necessary.

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Contributions of the Churches.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary..	Church Expenses	State and Associ- ational Missions..	Home Missions..	Foreign Missions	Ministerial Education	Sunday School	Literature.....	For support of the Poor.....	Sustentation....	Bible Cause.....	Total.....
Academy			\$18 75		\$15 10							\$33 85
Ashland.....				\$31 00	3 05							34 05
Beulah.....												
Bethlehem.....												
Blue Mountain..		284 45	79 25	135 85	63 50	111 00	19 20	5 35				701 60
Bluff Springs...				18 00								18 00
Canaan				1 75	1 00							2 75
Central.....		20 00		2 00								22 00
Clear Creek....												
Chewalla.....				4 40								4 40
Curtis' Creek...												
Falkner.....												
Fellow-ship												
Flat Rock.....		2 75										2 75
Harmony.....												
Hopewell												
Lebanon												
Mount Moriah..												
New Bethel....												
New Hope.....												
New Prospect..			10 00		2 00							12 00
Oaklimeter												
Pleasant Hill, T.				10 00								10 00
Pleasant Hill, B.				10 00								10 00
Pine Grove.....		2 00		5 00								7 00
Pleasant Ridge..												
Prescott's Sp'ngs												
Providence.....				20 00								20 00
Ripley.....				43 40								43 40
Shady Grove...				1 00								1 00
Union.....												
Unity.....				5 00								5 00
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CHURCHES.

DELEGATES

Academy
Ashland	W J Autrey, E T Stewart, H F L
Beulah	A L Collins, George Mauldin...
Bethlehem	N B Hix, E C Kidd, J J Brown,
Blue Mountain ..	W G Thompson, H L Finley, M
Bluff Springs...	J D Morton, J F Poff, D M West
Canaan	C G Bowdon, R S Cox
Central	T R Stroup, J T Burge
Clear Creek	J H Shackelford
Chewalla	J L Anglin, J J Harrell
Curtis' Creek...	Thos Duncan, R E Grisham
Falkner .....	.....
Fellowship	T J Medlin
Flat Rock	M C Selph, C M Butler
Harmony	G W Wright
Hopewell .....	.....
Lebanon	D Lancaster, W E Lancaster
Mount Moriah ..	W C Johnson
New Bethel	J H Walker, J T Phillips
New Hope	J H Barger
New Prospect ..	J J Gillentine, G W Floyd J T
Oaklimer	A Anderson
Pleasant Hill, T.	D T Todd
Pleasant Hill, B.	J J Spencer, J M Crawford, T
Pleasant Ridge ..	A B Burgess
Pine Grove	Lem Autrey, W F Covington, J
Prescott's Sp'ngs	Wm. Wilbanks
Providence	J M Wilbanks, Frank Ray
Ripley	J C Spight, W Covington
Shady Grove...	Joseph Pearce, J P McInturff,
Union	W J Hollis, M P Richardson, J
Unity	J M Follis, M Queen

*Not Represented last year.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

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DELEGATES.		PASTOR.	POST OFFICE.	Days of Meeting..	Baptized ...	Rec. by Lettr	Restored...	Dismissed by Letter..	Expelled ...	Died.....	Lowship.....	Total in Fellowship.....		
.....	.....	G W Potter.....	Orizaba	Miss.	4	..	5	5	2	2	77		
.....	.....	J E Buchanan.....	Ashland	"	1	15	2	8	2	1	69		
.....	.....	L P Cossitt.....	Beulan	"	1	2	..	2	2	1	85		
.....	.....	M Gillian.....	Ashland	"	3	..	..	2	2	1	40	
.....	.....	W T Lowrey.....	Blue Mountain.	"	2 & 4	21	13	23	1	201			
.....	.....	J D Morton.....	Tippah.....	"	2	1	4	2	..	35			
.....	.....	G W Floyd.....	Canaan	"	1	8	1	1	..	78			
.....	.....	E M Floyd.....	Pine Grove.....	"	4	2	3	4	8	1	39		
.....	.....	L P Cossitt.....	Mitchell	"	4	9	..	7	8	1	105		
.....	.....	J D Morton.....	Holly Springs..	"	3	..	..	..	3	4	43	
.....	.....	T E Stroup.....	Graves	"	3	..	..	..	3	4	37	
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	*25	
.....	.....	W E Berry.....	Clarysville	"	2	5	..	10	1	3	150		
.....	.....	L P Cossitt.....	Blue Mountain.	"	3	..	1	4	2	3	106		
.....	.....	.....	Walout	"	..	4	1	2	..	60		
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	*11	
.....	.....	W B Lancaster ..	Silver Springs..	"	..	2	..	4	1	41			
.....	.....	J H Shackelford.	Ripley	"	4	5	1	1	..	35			
.....	.....	H L Finley.....	Lowrey	"	2	4	2	2	1	18			
.....	.....	L P Cossitt.....	Ashland	"	2	7	5	4	..	72			
.....	.....	W M Gadd.....	Canaan	"	2	..	..	2	..	49		
.....	.....	W B Hutchinson.	Hickory Flat...	"	4	3	2	5	2	60			
.....	.....	J E Buchanan...	Lowrey	"	3	..	..	7	2	1	78	
.....	.....	D C West.....	Ashland	"	4	2	9	4	..	1	41		
.....	.....	H L Finley.....	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	2	10		
.....	.....	M Gillian.....	Pine Grove.....	"	..	1	..	4	..	1	50		
.....	.....	D C West.....	Ashland	"	1	..	..	16	3	1	18	
.....	.....	J E Buchanan...	Falkner.....	"	..	1	..	1	3	1	109		
.....	.....	W T Lowrey.....	Ripley	"	1 & 3	4	..	4	..	71			
.....	J D Morton.....	Ripley	"	4	3	..	1	..	66				
.....	R J Jennings....	3	3	2	13	2	168				
.....	Grand Junction, Tenn	2	5	2	..	37				
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